

OUR RELATIONS WITH FRANCE.

The House listened with close attention to the reading of the Dayton correspondence. There were murmurs of disapprobation when certain extracts from Seward's dispatches were read. The papers were referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, and it was understood that Winter Davis will make a report to the House.

The great importance of this correspondence leads me to give it in full:

To the House of Representatives:
 "In answer to a resolution of the House of Representatives, passed May 23, 1963, on the subject of the joint resolution of the Senate and House, relative to Mexico, I have transmitted a resolution of the Secretary of State, to whom the matter was referred."
 [Signed] "ABRAHAM LINCOLN,
 WASHINGTON, May 24, 1963."
 To the President:
 "The Secretary of State, to whom has been referred the resolution of the House of Representatives, relative to Mexico, and the President's communication to the House of Representatives, in accordance with the public interest, my explanation to the Government of the United States, and the Government of Mexico, in accordance with the sense and bearing of the joint resolution of the Senate and House of Representatives, which passed the House of Representatives on May 23, 1963, and on April 4, 1964, has the honor to lay before the President the correspondence and the record in this department on the subject of the joint resolution. Respectfully submitted."
 [Signed] "WM. H. SEWARD,
 Secretary of State."
 WASHINGTON, May 24, 1964.
 MR. SEWARD TO MR. DATTON.
 "DEPARTMENT OF STATE."
 WASHINGTON, April 7, 1964.

SEN. I here send you a copy of a resolution which passed the House of Representatives on the 4th inst. by a unanimous vote, and which declares the opposition of that body to a recognition of the French Embassy in Mexico. Mr. Schuyler has lost no time in forwarding to me a copy of this proceeding. It is hardly necessary for me what I have heretofore written with regard to the candor for the information of France, to say that this resolution truly interprets the unanimous sentiment of the people of the United States in relation to Mexico. It is, however, another and distinct expression of the sentiment of the United States would think it necessary or proper to express themselves in the form adopted by the House of Representatives.

time. This is a practical and merely executive question, and the decision of it cannot properly belong to the House of Representatives, nor even to Congress. The President of the United States. You will of course take notice that the declaration made the House of Representatives is in the form of a joint resolution, which, before it can assume the character of a legislative act, must be passed by both Houses of Congress. The Senate, therefore, must also concur in the declaration, and, secondly, the approval of the President of the United States, or in case of his renewed dissent, of both Houses of Congress, to be expressed by a majority of two-thirds of each body. While the President receives the declaration of the House of Rep-

which it is entitled as an exposition of the views upon a grave and important subject, he trusts that you inform the Government of France that he does not at present contemplate any departure from the policy which this Government has hitherto pursued in regard to the question existing between France and Mexico. It is hardly necessary to state that in the proceedings of the House of Representatives adopted on suggestions arising within itself, it is not upon a communication of the executive department, and that the French Government will be reasonably apprised of any change in the policy of this country which the President might at any future time think it proper to adopt.

"I am, sir, your obedient servant,
Signed "WM. H. SEWARD."
MR. DATTON TO MR. SEWARD.
[Extract].
"PARIS, April 22, 1864.
"I visited Mr. Drouyn De L'Isly's yesterday, at the Department of Foreign Affairs. His first words he addressed to me on entering the room were, 'Do you bring us peace, or bring us war?' I asked him to what he referred, and he said he referred more immediately to the resolutions recently passed by Congress in reference to the invasion of Mexico by the French, and the establishment of Maximilian upon the throne of

country. I replied that I did not think one had a right to infer that we were about to make war against her on account of anything she had said in this resolution; that they embodied nothing more than the commonly held out to the French Government at the beginning; that I had always repented to the Government here that any action on their part, interfering with the form of Government of Mexico, would be looked upon as a justification for her country, and they could not expect us to be ignorant of knowledge a monarchical Government, it upon the foundation of a republic which is our next neighbor; that I had reason to believe you had held the same language to

French Minister in the United States, but is not, as he did not mean to deny, but is only a question of resolution and a serious step upon our part, and I have told of leading Secessionists have built largely on these resolutions as a means of fomenting feeling between this country and ourselves. Mr. Mason and his Secretary have gone to Brussels to confer with Mr. Dudley Fox, who is the Commissioner at that place. Mr. Sillidell, it is said, is to have access to Austria, although he has not got off. "I am, sir, your obedient servant,
Signed, "WM. L. DAYTON,
Min. Wm. Seward, Secretary of State."
Mr. Dayton writes again on May 21, to Mr.

After the discussion, a number of his friends, who were present after the reception of Mr. Seymour's dispatch, with which Mr. Drony de L'Huys accompanied satisfied, and noticing the apparent fact of the extreme sensitiveness of the French Government relative to the House resolutions, evidently alluded.

Mr. Stewart wrote very briefly on May 5th, expressing his entire satisfaction with what Mr. Dayton had said in his interview with the French Minister, and speaking of Mr. Corwitt's absenting himself from post in Mexico under a leave granted last August.

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BUCKWHEAT UNFIT FOR SHEEP. — Mr. James Beck of Albany, C. N., writes as follows:

At the fall of 1862 we went into winter quarters with forty eight French and Spanish breeds of sheep and ten common grade sheep, all of which were in good (store) condition. We kept them in the basement story of a barn by 53 feet, which was very comfortable, had good racks, &c. In the early part of the winter we fed pea straw and corn stalks; and after over four hundred bushels of buckwheat to thrash in that barn, about midwinter we commenced feeding them with the fall; and, as feed was supposed to be very scarce, we thought it necessary to save every ounce of it, and therefore began feeding buckwheat

and occasionally we would feed stalks of pea straw; but our sheep would leave it and eat buckwheat straw in preference. Under these conditions we kept what buckwheat straw and chaff they could eat for eight weeks; and during this period all died right until the fine warm days in April, when we found one sheep after another did leave the flock and appear stupid, not seeming to recognize the flock or anything else. These sheep, however, would find and eat dead and then another, and so on, until it became necessary to ascertain what the disease was, and I consulted Yount on Sheep, R. L. Allen's Diseases of Animals, but could find no throw on the matter. We did not know

treatment to follow. The sheep were divided into two classes. Nearly all the flock showed signs of the disease. They became bloated, the head and neck, the wool on the body about the forehead and neck, the wool on the skin having been rubbed from their necks, heads and legs. One of the sheep rubbed close as to spoil the sight of one eye. They died one after another in this way until but a few remained. These were Merino, and we cut out of the grades. We now keep our feed to carrots and turnips, and gave frequently plenty of salt and sulphur, and a good deal of care and trouble we saved the balance of the flock; but they did not entirely recover from the melady until about the 1st of July.—Genesee Farmer.

✂ A Pennsylvania spinster named Hester Wagner has just received a legacy of \$50,000 from a distant relative whom she never saw once, but whose heart she won by her kindness toward him. This shows that kindness, which never comes amiss, is sometimes good investment.

✂ Garibaldi speaks fourteen different languages. Being asked to write something for little boy's scrap-book, he instantly composed some verse in Greek.

✂ One hundred thousand dollars was intended for a half interest in the mineral

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TELEGRAPHIC.

YESTERDAY'S NOON DISPATCHES.

News from Army of the Potomac.

The Enemy Crossing the South Anna.

Grant's Troops in Close Pursuit.

The Results of Custar's Expedition.

Late News from Southern Sources.

Reported Capture of Alexandria, La.

Banks Escapes to New Orleans with 5,000 Men.

Baton Rouge Reported Occupied by the Rebels.

Advices from Charleston Harbor to the 15th.

Monitors and Batteries Pounding away at Sumter.

Rebel Reports of Meade's Movements.

Dispatches from General Grant.

Probability of his Reaching Richmond before Lee.

XXXVIII Congress—First Session.

WASHINGTON, May 25.

SENATE.

A committee of conference on the bank bill was organized.

The internal revenue bill was taken up.

Mr. Morrill reported favor of the bill to provide for the taking of a census in 1870.

A message was received from the House announcing its non-concurrence in the Senate's amendments to the bill to provide for the taking of a census in 1870.

On motion of Mr. Sherman, the Senate adhered to the Committee of Conference, which was ordered to sit at 10 o'clock.

A motion of Mr. Lane, of Kansas, to have the cash administered to the States by the Secretary of the Treasury, was debated at some length.

Mr. Howard in opposition, without coming to any conclusion.

The internal revenue bill was taken up.

Mr. Morrill offered an amendment to the Finance Committee's amendments, the effect of which was to make the tax on beer, salt, sugar, etc., 10 cents per barrel.

Adopted.

HOUSE.

The House passed a joint resolution that the undersigned persons be and they are hereby

purchased by the House previous to the 27th Congress, and now deposited in the Interior Department and elsewhere, be distributed to the present members and officers of the Congress, under the direction of the Joint Committee on Printing, the said books to be divided as equally as possible in number and value.

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